



Traditions and knowledge

Theory of knowledge
Presentation



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Real life situation



The Olympics and E-sports

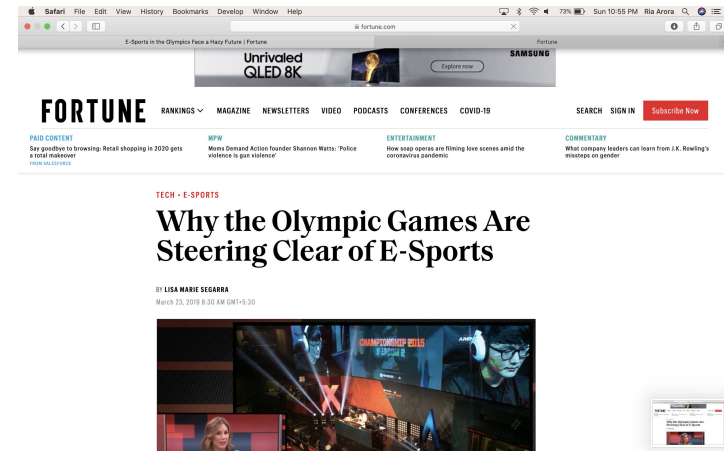
E-sports and the Olympics

Esports has gained a lot of popularity in the last decade and has blossomed into a multi-billion dollar international industry but the International Olympics Committee (IOC) has been hesitant to introduce video games as one of the Olympic sports. Senior executives of the IOC continue to give reasons to the refusal based on IOC's traditions and sports.

Some of the reasons include:

- ❖ “We cannot have in the Olympic program a game which is promoting violence, so-called ‘killer games’. They, from our point of view, are contradictory to the Olympic values and cannot therefore be accepted.”
- ❖ “the only reason traditional sports seem easy to follow is because the public is familiar with them”
- ❖ “it is unclear if anyone wants it...the ones based on traditional sports may be able to find a place in the Olympic community.”
- ❖ “spectating e-sports can be tricky...fighting games can be an exception...because we are so used to them”

<https://fortune.com/2019/03/22/esports-olympic-future/>



Knowledge question

To what extent do traditions affect the understanding and acceptance of knowledge ?

Areas of knowledge

Arts

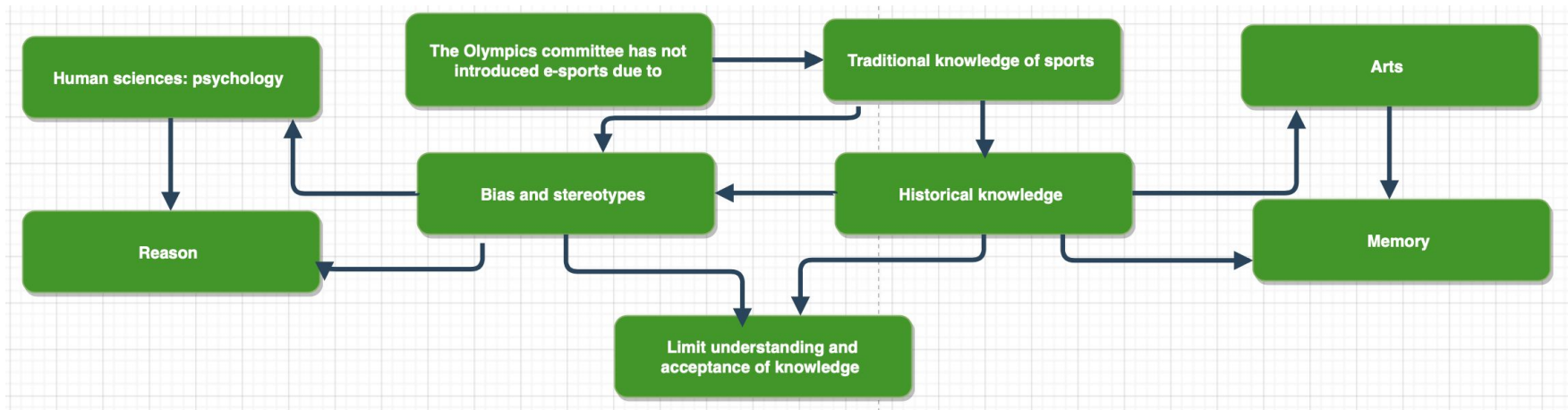
Human sciences

Way of knowing

Memory

Reason

Connection between RLS, KQ, AOK's & WOK's



“To what extent do **traditions** (sports & olympics) affect our **understanding and acceptance of knowledge** (e-sports) ?”

RKQ 1

To what extent do biases
and stereotypes affect
our understanding and
acceptance of
knowledge?

Claim 1

Confirmation biases and stereotypes cause individuals to selectively use reason restricting our ability to understand knowledge.

Example: Pragmatic truth test theory causes people to not accept inter-caste marriages and relationships.

- Marriages across different cultures and religions continue to be unaccepted with just 5% of marriages being inter-cast according to a 2014 survey in India.
- In 2010 the UK police at least 2823 honour crimes such as acid attacks abduction, mutilation, beating and even murder
- The UN estimates that 5000+ women and girls are murdered each year in honor killings - widely reported in the middle east and south asia.



Counterclaim 1

Deductive reasoning in a particular subject aids in objective decision making

Example: Rational knowledge was used when Saudi Arabia granted women the right to drive in 2018 , “Women to drive”.

- In 1957, Riyadh pronounced a ban on women driving.
- Up until June 2018, Saudi Arabia was unique in being the only country in the world where women were forbidden to drive motor vehicles
- On 26 September 2017, King Salman granted women the right to drive in 2018 he used his rational knowledge of the right to equality and the economic necessity to make this decision.



RKQ 2

Does historical
knowledge impact
the way we perceive
knowledge ?

Claim 2

The way we perceive artistic knowledge can be influenced by cultural and historical context

The relativism theory causes people from a culture exposed to bullfighting to perceive the film, “Matador” in differently compared to and those who aren't .

- Bullfighting in Spain traces its origins to 711 A.D.
- Culture is the coding practiced by societies through a series of manifestations that have been the basis of human relationships and the path of each culture's evolvement is based on its own social history and experiential knowledge which in conclusion memory may also affect the way one perceives artistic knowledge.
- This film chronicles the grand ambitions of rising matador David Fandila, as he attempts to take his place in bullfighting history as the 13th matador to defeat 100 raging bulls within the course of a single season.





Elena Oumano
Village Voice



The Matador reserves judgment while raising the core issue concerning this traditional ritual: deep, poetic cultural expression or glorified animal cruelty?

October 29, 2008



V.A. Musetto
New York Post ★
Top Critic



Mostly The Matador romanticizes a brutal tradition that has no place in the 21st century.

[Full Review](#) | Original Score: 1/4

October 31, 2008



Matthew Nestel
Boxoffice Magazine



The film does a fine job constructing a timeless piece of work with a sharp-bladed cleaver and steady hand.

[Full Review](#) | Original Score: 3/5

October 31, 2008



Ed Gonzalez
Slant Magazine



Issues of class don't matter to the filmmakers, who pride above all else Fandila's justifications for what he does, romanticizing the possibility of his dying while giving the bulls he dances with the shaft.

October 26, 2008



Cole Smitley
ColeSmitley.com



. For all of its inherent gore and breathtaking surprises, "The Matador" is an essential window on the personality of an athlete working in an incredibly dangerous sport.

[Full Review](#) | Original Score: B+

October 18, 2008



Cynthia Fuchs
PopMatters



More observational than overtly critical, The Matador reveals the ways that violence defines a conventional, familiar, and increasingly scrutinized masculinity.

November 14, 2008

Counterclaim 2

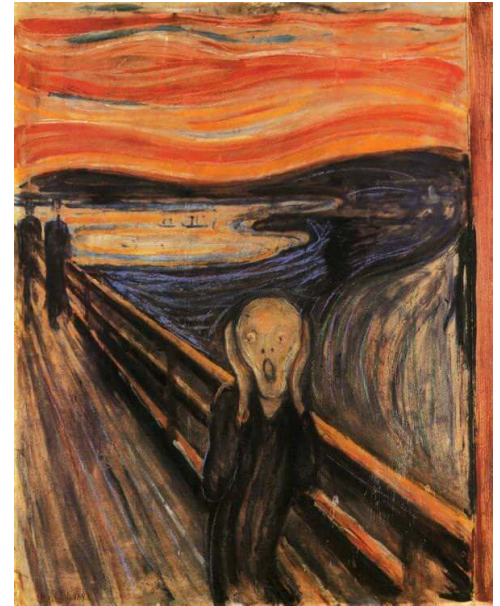
New technology and contemporary trends influence the artistic knowledge we perceive.

Edvard Munch refers this painting as his "soul **painting**" and reveals an honest and perhaps even ugly glimpse of his inner troubles and feelings of anxiety, putting more importance on personal meaning than on technical skill or "beauty," a traditional goal of art.

- *The Scream* in Pop Culture: Other artists have opted for a more playful approach to *The Scream*, as they've comically inserted characters from pop culture into the solemn scene.

The contemporary trend portrayed through the technology of photoshop and digital art:

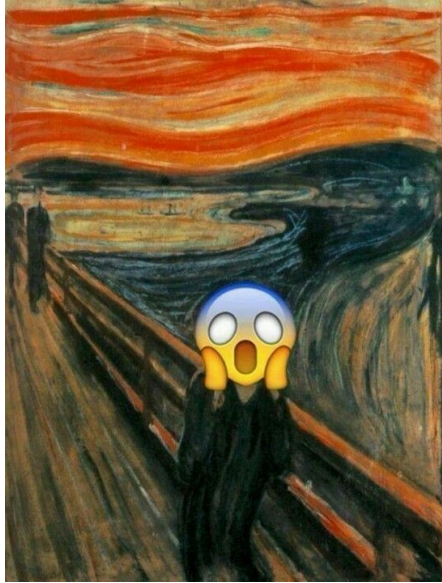
- gives it more humorous and playful interpretation which may degrade the true meaning of the painting.
- aids in understanding the artistic knowledge one perceives as we to be able to relate to the painting better



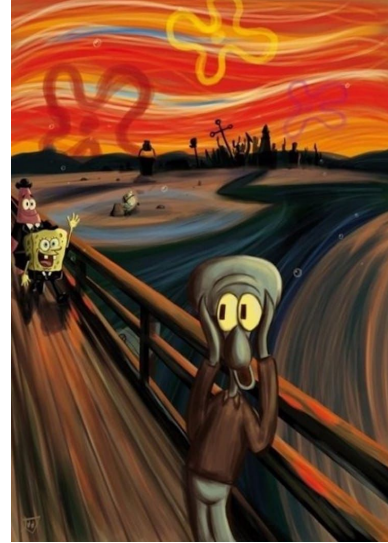
The Scream



HOMER SIMPSON
FROM *THE SIMPSONS*



EMOJI



SQUIDWARD FROM
SPONGEBOB
SQUAREPANTS



THE JOKER FROM
BATMAN

Conclusion and link back to RLS

I conclude that traditions affect our understanding and acceptance of knowledge on case to case basis. They are multiple factors that affect the understanding and acceptance such as:

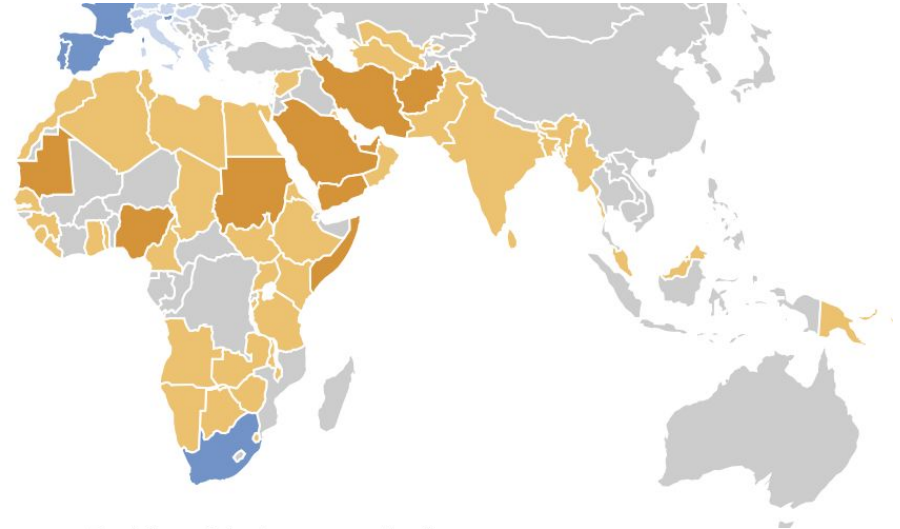
- Biases
- Stereotypes
- Historical knowledge
- Culture
- Reason
- Memory

In real life example, acknowledging my RKQ1 biases and stereotypes do affect the understanding and acceptance of knowledge. Further in RKQ2 the knowledge we perceive is affected by historical knowledge therefore i come to the conclusion that traditions affect the understanding and acceptance of knowledge as the IOC has not accepted the proposal of e-sports as an Olympic sport because they are under the umbrella of traditions.

Link to other real life situations

Acceptance of LGBTQ in our society

- The young are regarded as the most tolerant generation. That's why results of this LGBTQ survey are 'alarming'
- 36% of young people said they were uncomfortable learning a family member was LGBTQ
- 34% were uncomfortable learning their doctor was LGBTQ
- 39% were uncomfortable learning their child had a school lesson on LGBTQ history



Punishment for homosexual acts

- Homosexual acts can be punished by death
- Homosexual acts are illegal

Link to other real life situations

Example: First group of women admitted into a US military academy in 1976

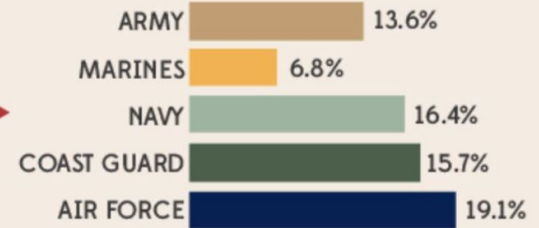
- A few women fought in the Army in the American Revolutionary War in 1775 while disguised as men.
- Approximately 21,000 women served in the Army Nurse Corps during World War I
- In 2019, Laura Yeager became the first woman to lead a US Army infantry division (specifically, the California National Guard's 40th Infantry Division.)

MODERN FIGURES

Today, women make up

14.6%

(or 214,098)
of active duty personnel.



69 of the **976** generals and admirals are currently women.

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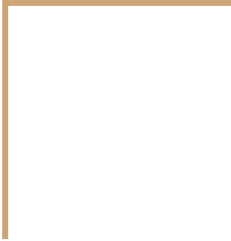
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